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William Turner Armistead, Jr.

Former Mayor of Berwyn Heights Bill Armistead, age 88, died Sunday, January 12, 2020. He was a native of Washington, DC, served with the Air Force in Okinawa, Japan during the Korean War, and was a longtime employee of The Kiplinger Washington Editors. He loved to serve his fellow man whether at work, home, church, or in the community.

He served on the Town Council (1974-2000), and as Mayor of Berwyn Heights and prior to this coached in little league, led the Cub Scouts, and was President of the PTA for Berwyn Heights Elementary School. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, MD. He was a faithful Redskins season ticket holder for over 50 years and fan of all local sports teams. He enjoyed playing softball and basketball in the Berwyn Heights Men's League. After retirement, Bill and Frances relocated to Bristow, Virginia, where he became active in the Gainesville United Methodist Church and within the Dunbarton community.

Bill was a dear husband to Frances for 62 years, loving father of Carol (Bob Lavoie), Paul (Barbara), Linda, and Donald (Carlene), and grandfather to Robert, David, Jennifer, and Melissa. He is survived by his sister Carolyn (Timmins) and is an uncle to many. He is predeceased by sisters Mary Ann (Harper) and Annalee (Brookes). He was interred at Quantico National Cemetery.



Town Office/ Police Station Engineering Study Volunteers Sought for RFP Review Committee

The Berwyn Heights Town Council is looking for three residents to volunteers to serve on a review committee to select a firm to conduct an engineering and architectural study to determine the feasibility of locating a new police station on the Town Hall/ Town Center Property. Volunteers must have professional experience in the fields of engineering, architecture, construction management or a closely related field. The commitment to participate is estimated to be about 12 hours. A copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Berwyn Heights website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/bids-rfps/files/police-station-rfp-january-2020>

Interested residents should email a brief request to volunteer including their relevant professional experience to Town Manager, Maria Broadbent at mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov by 5 p.m. on February 21, 2020.

ELECTION JUDGES APPOINTMENTS

February 3, 7:00 pm Worksession

ELECTION JUDGES SWEARING-IN

February 12, 7:00 pm Town Meeting

PRESIDENTS DAY WEEK REFUSE SCHEDULE

Mon	02/17/20	Offices Closed - NO PICKUP
Tue	02/18/20	Northside: Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste
Wed	02/19/20	Southside: Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste
Thu	02/20/20	Town-wide: Recycling
Fri	02/21/20	Town-wide: Trash

Please do NOT leave refuse at the curb over the weekend

CODE COMPLIANCE

Please remember:

- ◆ Store firewood 6" off the ground;
- ◆ Cover inoperable vehicles with fitted car cover;
- ◆ Place refuse in toter, or in can with securely fitting cover;
- ◆ Place leaves and yard waste in paper yard waste bags.

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 7am - 7pm

Run for Town Council, Help Govern our Town

File your papers by Tuesday, March 3

Forms and information are available at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Rd, Tel. 301-474-5000, or on our website: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections>

Qualifications:

- US citizen at least 21 years of age;
- Duly registered to vote in Maryland or Town of Berwyn Heights
- Town resident for at least six months prior to the date of the election

Register to Vote

Apply by March 31

Contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections (301-430-8020) to request an application; or download an application from their website, or fill out an online application at: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>

The Town of Berwyn Heights carries out **supplementary registrations** valid only for voting in Town elections. You can register up to April 6, 2020 at the Town office during office hours 9 am - 5 pm. Please bring a valid ID.

Vote by Absentee Ballot

You can vote anytime between April 6 and May 4, 2020 with an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available at the Town office or you can request one by mail by filling out an application available on our website: www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections/files/absentee-ballot-application-2020



NEED HELP PAYING ENERGY BILLS?

Maryland low-income residents are eligible to receive energy assistance through the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) to help pay heating costs or electric bills. To apply for assistance, call the Department of Human Resources/ Office of Home Energy Programs at **800-332-6347** or visit: <http://www.dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/>

or through the Prince George's Home Energy Programs Office at **(301) 909-6300**.

Energy Efficiency assistance through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) can help provide improvements and repairs to homes at no cost to help lower utility bills and make a home more comfortable. For more information, call 1-855-583-8976 or visit: dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/EnergyEfficiency.

CENSUS 2020 CENSO 2020

Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them. Our nation's founders believed this was so important that they mandated the decennial census in the Constitution. The US Census Bureau has posted information about the [2020 Census](#) on the web, including sample [questionnaires](#), how to become a [census taker](#) and [privacy](#) of the data collected.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- **Mid-March:** every household in Berwyn Heights receives an invitation to respond to the census online or by phone.
- **Mid-April:** all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire.
- **Mid-May:** census takers will visit households that have not responded to collect the information.

The Town of Berwyn Heights will participate in **Census Day, April 1, 2020**. Town staff and Councilmembers will be available to assist residents with using computers to complete the Census in the G. Love Room.

Una vez cada década, el gobierno federal realiza un censo de toda la población para contar a todos en los Estados Unidos y registrar información básica sobre ellos. Los fundadores de nuestra nación creían que esto era tan importante que ordenaron el censo decenal en la Constitución. La Oficina del Censo ha publicado información sobre [Censo 2020](#) en la web, incluidos [cuestionarios de muestra](#), y [la privacidad de los datos](#) recopilados.

Fechas importantes para recordar:

- A mediados de marzo: cada hogar en Berwyn Heights recibe una invitación para responder al censo en línea o por teléfono.
- A mediados de abril: todos los hogares que aún no han respondido recibirán un cuestionario en papel.
- Mediados de mayo: los encuestadores visitarán los hogares que no han respondido para recopilar la información.



Next Meeting
Monday, February 24
7pm | G. Love Room

Join the Education Advisory Committee as we discuss ways to support Adult Education for families in Berwyn Heights.

- Discussion of results from January listening sessions.
- Time for individuals unable to attend January listening sessions to share ideas, thoughts, & concerns.
- Development of recommendations for town council.

All residents are welcome!

Please contact the BHEAC at thebheac@gmail.com for more information



Siguiente junta
Lunes 24 de Febrero
7pm | G. Love Room

Únase al Comité Asesor de Educación mientras discutimos formas de apoyar la Educación de Adultos para familias en Berwyn Heights.

- Discusión de los resultados de las sesiones de escucha de enero.
- Tiempo para las personas que no pueden asistir a las sesiones de audición de enero para compartir ideas, pensamientos y preocupaciones.
- Elaboración de recomendaciones para el ayuntamiento.

Todos los residentes son bienvenidos

Póngase en contacto con BHEAC para obtener más información en: thebheac@gmail.com.



The Berwyn Heights Rec. Council—Coming Soon:

Sat. Feb. 8th, 2-4pm @ Town Center (Upstairs) —Valentine’s Event

Come and decorate your own Cookies & Cards for Valentine’s Day at this family-friendly event for children and adults alike. Cookies & supplies will be provided by the Rec Council. (Gluten Free & Vegan Cookies available too!)



And back by popular demand:

Fri. Feb. 21st, 7-9pm

TRIVIA NIGHT!

2nd Floor of Town Center (Adult Only)



Q: How many movie productions have been made of "A Star is Born"?

Think you know the answer? Join us as we partner with the Berwyn Heights Movie Club for an “Entertainment” themed trivia night with the spotlight on TV, Music, Actors/Actresses and (of course) Movies! Some will even feature a connection to Maryland. Free to play! Teams (up to six people) will compete for prizes. Singles are welcome - let us know if you need to be placed on a team. Refreshments (drinks & snacks) will be available. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and...**may the Force be with you!**

Fine Print: You cannot use cell phones, tablets or books during the game. All answers must come only from you or your teammates.

A. Four (original in 1937 and three re-makes: 1954, 1976 and 2018)



Sat. Mar. 14th, 5-7pm @ Senior Center - Pot o’ Gold Pot Luck

Enjoy an evening with neighbors at our annual Pot Luck Dinner. Bring a dish to share (or \$5/person) to join. All ages are welcome.

Music / Entertainment by Phil Ventura.



MAKE YOUR OWN PARADE FLOAT! Berwyn Heights Day is Sat. May 2nd.

Individuals, families and groups are all invited to decorate floats (Vehicles, Bicycles, Wagons, oh my!) to compete for CASH Prizes in our Annual Parade. Contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net for details.

The Berwyn Heights Rec Council meets monthly at the G. Love Room at the Senior Center. All are welcome! Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Want to Volunteer?

Please contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net

Next Meetings: Tue. 2/4 & Tue. 3/3 @ 7:30pm

Worksession December 2, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Bob Diss with Lindsey & Associates Auditors, and citizens.

1. Announcements

The holiday decorating contest will be ongoing for the month of December. Residents are requested to nominate their favorite holiday homes by emailing Mayor Isler. The Town's Christmas Tree Lighting will be this Saturday, December 7. The Volunteer Fire Department donated the tree to be set up in front of the Town office.

2. Discussion Items

Auditor's report: Mayor Isler welcomed Bob Diss with Lindsey & Associates for a presentation on the FY 2019 audit. The Auditor's Report is available as part of tonight's agenda packet on the Town website. Mr. Diss gave a summary of the report. The Auditor's opinion letter on page 1 gives the Town a clean opinion. The Management Discussion & Analysis written by the Town Manager gives highlights of last year's budget, one of which is capital outlays of \$800,000 for a major road project.

The Auditor's financial statements comprise two sets of statements. The first is on a full accrual basis that takes everything into account, including fixed assets, depreciation and long-term debts. It shows total assets of \$6,708,165 and total liabilities of \$1,305,946, with a net position of \$5,475,924. The only long-term liabilities are compensated absences and net pension liabilities. The second set of financial statements is on a modified accrual basis and takes into account only current assets and liabilities. The income statement shows revenues of \$3,109,114 and expenditures of \$3,300,597 resulting in a decrease of the fund balance of approximately \$200,000.

Further, there are fiduciary statements followed by a series of Auditor's notes. Note 3 describes the status of the Town's cash and investments and investment policies, which will be relevant when the Town revises its investment policy. Currently, the only investment is in a pension trust fund in the amount of \$458,194. Statements comparing FY 2019 budgeted and actual funds begin on page 44.

In response to questions, Mr. Diss described the auditing process, noting that it

went smoothly. Financial controls instituted by TM Broadbent and described in the Management Analysis are regarded as a plus. An evaluation of the Town's internal accounting controls recommends that the accrual of the year-end payroll be recorded as a year-end liability.

TM Broadbent said she has asked Mr. Diss to come to a future worksession to brief the Council on investment policies, including sweep accounts offered by the Town's bank. Prior to investing money in sweep accounts, however, the Council should adopt financial policies that allow for it.

Variance request, 6201 Ruatan Street:

Mayor Isler welcomed Hui Xiong, the owner of the rental property at 6201 Ruatan Street. Code Compliance Director Goodwin explained that Mr. Xiong has applied for a 4' variance in side-yard setback to validate a stoop and stair built by a previous owner without a permit. A County code officer had noticed the violation and advised that a permit is needed. The permit was denied and referred to the Board of Zoning Appeals to request the needed variance. Director Goodwin recommends approval of the variance as the owner has sought to comply with the permit and variance requirements and the neighbors have not voiced objections.

After several clarifications from Director Goodwin, Mayor Isler said the Council will vote on supporting the variance at the December Town meeting.

Budget process: TM Broadbent said the Council has been provided several documents in preparation for the upcoming budget season. This includes a draft budget schedule, with a date for the Council's all-day budget workshop, tentatively set for Saturday March 28, profit & loss statements showing actual revenues and expenditures for the period of July – November 2019, as well as reserve calculations. The documents are intended to get the Council to start thinking about budget goals and the budget process. Any feedback is welcome.

TM Broadbent said a couple of things the Council may want to consider is alternative hiring practices for Public Works personnel, as hiring and retention have been challenges in the current economic climate, as well as how much money to appropriate for the Homeowners Tax Credit program for the few people that applied. The Council may also want to think about changing the way the budget is adopted. Currently, the adoption of the budget and the swearing-in of the new Council occur on the same date. CM Dewey said this allows for the possibility of the outgoing Council adopting a budget that leaves

difficult decisions to the next Council.

Treasurer Rodriguez reviewed the profit & loss statements. At the 5-month mark of the current fiscal year, the Town should have consumed 42% of the budget. The Town has received 49.5%, or 7.5% more than 42% in projected annual revenues, and it has spent 32.6%, or 10% less than budgeted expenditures. For ease of use, overages are highlighted on the statements, as are the remaining funds in each department's budget. Treasurer Rodriguez also reviewed the reserves needed to cover operating expenses for the first quarter of the fiscal year, during which few revenues are received, and the use of fund balances to balance the budget in a subsequent year.

Town hall architectural study: TM Broadbent provided a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for an architectural engineering study to determine whether the Town hall can be expanded to house the police station. The scope of work outlines the elements to be studied in terms of the expected needs of the Town 20 years from now including staff, space, storage, customer service counter, security, and parking. The study would also examine the existing conditions of the site, including soils, utilities, stormwater management and code requirements, among others. A draft has been sent to CM Osmond for input and Councilmembers are welcome to make suggestions about what else might be addressed in the study.

In response to questions, TM Broadbent added that the RFP is to be released by the end of December, followed by a pre-bid conference two weeks later, during which prospective bidders will be required to look at the facility. Bids will be due one month after the conference.

General Assembly funding request:

TM Broadbent explained she is planning to submit a bond bill request by January 6 to the General Assembly that would fund a new roof for the Town Center, reconfiguration of the power panel for the emergency generators; and, as an optional add-on, a new elevator. A new bathroom to serve the G. Love Room is not included. CM Dewey said the Seniors, who were asked about the bathroom addition, did not think it was needed. TM Broadbent asked the Council to give feedback on the bond bill in the next two weeks.

CM Osmond suggested to consider drafting a 'campus' master plan for the entire Town Center property based on projected future needs. This might include the current footprint of the build-

ings and the total buildable area of the property. He further proposed the bidders be asked to provide a per square foot cost estimate for a design they think would meet future space requirements, possibly to include plans for an energy efficiency retrofit of the buildings. CM Sweep asked if the study might take sustainability criteria into account.

TM Broadbent said the study will look only at what is possible in terms of expansion of the current structure but not produce new building designs. Architectural design that includes sustainability criteria would occur in a future phase, if a project moves forward. However, a cost estimate and basic renderings will be added to the RFP requirements.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented that the underlying assumption of the study seems to be that the Town will continue to grow and need more staff and services. He does not see how the Town is going to grow given the current boundaries. TM Broadbent said population increase is one driver of staff increases but not the only one. Staff increases may be needed because the workload is increasing due to regulatory requirements or increase in crime, for example. As an example, CM Sweep said the more hands-on approach taken with the business community to achieve better code compliance also requires more code staff.

Mr. Ventura said the expansion study remains somewhat of a moot point because there is not enough parking that could be created to accommodate the police force. TM Broadbent said there are several available options to create parking around the Town Center, which a consultant will be better able to explain.

Census 2020: CM Dewey said she requested the 2020 Census be kept on the agenda as a standing item to remind everyone of it. She also wants to discuss how the Town can publicize the Census better. Prince George's County provides free large Census signs she plans to get that can be posted around Town. The Census Bureau has produced a number of short video clips on the Census which can be played on the Town's cable TV station and the website. In addition, she recommends featuring the Census in each monthly Bulletin and the Council's e-newsletter until May 2020.

CM Osmond suggested asking members of community organizations to post yard signs, for which the County may provide funding, to advertise the Census. The Town might also ask businesses to display Census signs in their windows.

CM Dewey said schools are going to be

very important for getting people to participate in the Census and they are getting ready for it. The Town need not host an event at the school but should support their efforts. One way to help is to assist people at school with using laptops and I-pads to take the Census. Mayor Isler said he thinks it would be worthwhile to hold a Census event at school in the evening for those parents who cannot come during the day. TM Broadbent suggested advertising the Census at community events. Phil Ventura suggested when advertising the Census to highlight the fact that it has nothing to do with immigration status and that the information will be kept private.

Verizon franchise negotiations: TM Broadbent said the negotiations to renew the Verizon franchise involve legal matters, which should come before the Council. Clerk Harper explained that the first Verizon franchise agreement was negotiated in 2007 through I-Net, a coalition of Prince George's County and its municipalities, which provides data, video and voice communications over a secure fiber-optic network. The agreement is up for renewal in 2022. Verizon notified the Town of its intent to initiate franchise renewal negotiations in July 2019. The Town must respond whether it will enter into formal negotiations with Verizon by January 3, 2019. Clerk Harper recommends the Town again join I-Net to negotiate with Verizon. I-Net retains legal counsel with expertise in communications law to conduct the negotiations and usually obtains better terms than a municipality can get on its own.

Clerk Harper provided a draft letter to notify Verizon of the Town's intent to negotiate and a resolution approving the negotiation through I-Net, which with Council's consent will be placed on the Town meeting agenda. The Council had no objections.

3. Minutes

CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the October 7 worksession minutes. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Mayor Isler abstaining. CM Osmond moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the October 21 worksession minutes. The motion passed 4-0-1 with MPT Papanikolas abstaining. MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the November 4 worksession minutes. The motion passed 5 to 0. The November 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed for approval at the Town meeting.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Isler reminded residents to keep their cars locked and not leave packages sitting at the front door. CM Sweep said that loose leaf collection is ongoing. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves to the curb but not in the street. Winter weather may bring ice and snow and resi-

dents should be careful driving on hills. Everyone is encouraged to stock up their winter survival kits for their cars and homes.

CM Dewey thanked everyone who has filled out and returned the Town survey. Those who received the survey but have not filled it out are encouraged to do so. Copies may be picked up at the Town office if the original has been lost. The Tree Lighting celebration is this Saturday, featuring caroling, crafts and a visit from Santa. Old Christmas lights can be recycled in front of the Town office.

CM Osmond asked what the status of hiring another code officer is. TM Broadbent said that staff is conducting interviews with applicants. She also noted that Delegate-select Nicole Williams will be sworn in this Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the State House. Constituents are welcome to attend. The Seniors have extra tickets for a the musical 'A Christmas Carol' for this Friday. Anyone interested in attending can contact the Seniors.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming schedule. The December 16 worksession was cancelled. Town offices are closed over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Residents are encouraged to review the trash schedule.

CM Dewey noted that the State Board of Public Works has postponed taking a vote on the bidding terms for the proposed widening of the Beltway I-495 and I-270 to December 18. College Park has written a letter to request delaying the vote until local governments and the public has had time review all relevant information. She suggested that Berwyn Heights review those comments and consider sending a letter, which could be approved at the upcoming Town meeting.

7. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura said the Prince George's charity 'Help by Phone' is running out of funds and is requesting donations. The charity is supported by a coalition of local churches, including Berwyn Presbyterian Church, and provides free food for the hungry, homeless shelters, and winter clothes for Title I schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Town Meeting December 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Jay Osmond, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were

Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

1. Approval of Agenda

MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5 to 0.

2. Approval of Minutes

CM Dewey moved, and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the November 13, 2019 Town meeting minutes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler thanked the Recreation Council for organizing a wonderful Christmas Tree Lighting party, the Volunteer Fire Department for donating the tree and Santa and his elf for greeting children. Everyone who attended had a great time. He also cautioned people to be on the lookout for deliveries of packages as there has been increase in thefts.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Isler entertained a motion to receive all department reports for the record. CM Dewey so moved. MPT Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Administration: MPT Papanikolas reported that the Town's auditor attended the last worksession and gave the Town a clean bill of health. Further, the Administration Department is getting ready for the budget process come January.

Town Manager's Report: TM Broadbent said, as the holidays approach, there will be early closings on December 13 and 23. She continues to refine the budget calendar and will meet with staff tomorrow to discuss budget matters. Town staff aim to have tentative budget numbers by January which will be supplemented by information from the State of Maryland and Prince George's County as numbers become available. Bids for new carpeting in the Town offices and the Senior Center came in slightly over budget at \$8,900, which will require some additional funds because budget figures were based only on the Town offices. In addition, the light fixtures in the offices will be cleaned and a second coat of trim applied.

A new 1-ton Ford pickup truck that was purchased in August has been delivered. At this point, most of the vehicles that were funded in the FY 2020 budget have been purchased. Having a better sense of the remaining funds, she intends to purchase the second hybrid police vehicle in the hopes of having it delivered in this fiscal year. Public Works hired an employee with commercial driver's license, who will start next week, and is finalizing the hiring of another, who would become the third CDL licensed driver. The Public Works Director

position has been advertised and applications should start coming in.

Code Compliance: CM Osmond asked if the 2nd code officer position has been filled yet and was informed that several applicants were interviewed last week. CM Osmond noted that, for the month of November, there were fewer active rental units than last year; however, receipts from permits issued increased substantially. TM Broadbent clarified that the increase is largely due to collection of right-of-way permits and a better collection process.

Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:

CM Dewey reported that responses to the Town survey have started to come in and she will share the results at coming worksessions. In the previous month she also attended meetings of the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH), which is working on a report to be presented to the Council in January, as well as meetings of the Education Advisory Committee. Public Service Announcement videos on the 2020 Census have been added to BHTV programming and have been posted to the website. Lastly, she is reviewing the Parks and Recreation budget and is considering goals for the next year.

Public Works: CM Sweep reported that the Public Works Department is getting ready for the winter. Residents are reminded to watch out for Town trucks plowing and salting streets if snow begins to fall. TM Broadbent noted that the Town follows the Prince George's County government for weather related closings, which may differ from school closings. CM Sweep also advised residents to secure their homes if they travel over the holidays and wished everyone happy holidays.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, said Public Works employees will continue to work if a snowstorm hits, even if Town offices are closed. Further, he heard rumors the Public Works Director resigned because of disagreements with management. He asked if any Councilmembers spoke with him before he retired or tried to talk him out of his decision.

CM Sweep said he spoke with him before he retired. He did not try to talk him out of it because Director Hall had come out of retirement to help the Town of Berwyn Heights stabilize its Public Works Department and help take the next steps forward. He had great appreciation for Director Hall's accomplishments and his commitment to public service, but he believes he was ready to retire.

Police Department: Mayor Isler reminded residents that BHPD has a program to

check on homes while owners are on vacation, as well as a safe zone to conduct internet purchases in front of the police station that is surveilled by video cameras. BHPD officers will be on duty throughout the holidays and residents are encouraged to greet them as a sign of appreciation. The same goes for the fire department volunteers. Residents might consider supporting the BHVFD Christmas tree fundraiser while supplies last.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey said the BHEAC met last month and continues to seek input from residents on educational matters. The Committee plans to hold more listening sessions, the next one on adult education and then one on elementary school education. Interested residents are encouraged to contact the BHEAC with questions or feedback.

Green Team: CM Dewey announced the Green Team will not meet in December. In February, the Green Team is partnering with the University of Maryland to hold a workshop on practical solutions for climate change.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that several Historical Committee members attended the Maryland Milestones holiday party at the Heritage Center in Hyattsville. The next meeting will be held in January, at which its FY 2021 budget request will be discussed.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Dewey announced an upcoming bio-hazard workshop hosted by the Berwyn Heights and Anne Arundel CERT teams. She also cautioned residents about leaving Christmas tree lights on which has been the cause of house fires.

Recreation Council: CM Dewey thanked the Recreation Council and the Seniors for hosting the annual Tree Lighting party. It was very well attended and enjoyed by all guests large and small. Next up are a re-gifting party on January 11, and Valentine's party and a Team Trivia event in February.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

Variance 98-2019 6201 Ruatan Street: Mayor Isler said this variance was discussed at a previous worksession with the owner of the property present. TM Broadbent explained the variance application was triggered by a County inspector, who noticed that a stoop and stairs to the side entrance at the property in question did not conform with the zoning regu-

lations on side yard setbacks. The stairs were built by a previous owner of the property without a permit. The current owner has applied for a permit and the needed variance to validate the existing condition. The stairs as built have not met with any objection from neighbors and leave enough room to pass from the front yard to the back yard. Staff recommends approval of the variance.

CM Osmond moved to support the variance request. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 22-2019 Verizon franchise renewal negotiations: TM Broadbent said the Verizon franchise is up for renewal and Verizon has requested the Town to initiate contract renewal negotiations. The Resolution would approve the Town joining with the Prince George's County I-Net Committee to conduct the negotiations. Since this involves legal issues, the Council needs to approve it. The funding would come out of the Town's I-Net membership budget. CM Osmond moved, and MPT Papanikolas seconded to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 23-2019 Adopting the 2nd Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' holiday: CM Dewey said this Resolution would restore Columbus Day, now known in many places as Indigenous Peoples' Day, as a holiday for employees. The holiday was deleted with adoption of a new Employee Handbook in October 2017. In response to CM Dewey's question, Clerk Harper said that the holiday was traded for a day off after Thanksgiving.

MPT Papanikolas moved to amend the Employee Manual to restore the holiday under whichever name the Council chooses. CM Sweep seconded, saying that Indigenous People's Day is the correct term. Phil Ventura asked if the Council plans to make the Friday after Thanksgiving a regular workday again, and what the fiscal impact of giving an additional holiday to employees is. TM Broadbent said employees are already paid for any holidays. The only impact would be any holiday pay supplement for police officers and Public Works employees, if an emergency occurs that requires their coming in.

In discussion, Phil Ventura and Mike Attick commented that this amounts to giving employees an additional paid day off. TM Broadbent said in her experience it is worth giving employees a holiday off because morale tends to be low if employees have to work when everyone else has a day off. CM Dewey said employees often work harder in a week with a holiday to get all the needed work done.

TM Broadbent said that an additional day off is a way to show the Council's appreciation and to be competitive with other jurisdictions. CM Osmond and CM Dewey agreed. Without further discussion, the Council approved the Resolution 5 to 0.

Approval of TOBH letter to State of Maryland opposing Beltway widening:

Mayor Isler said the Council was provided with letter to the State of Maryland drafted on its behalf regarding the proposed Beltway and I-270 widening. CM Dewey clarified that the letter asks only to postpone a decision to move forward with the public-private partnership (P3) until more information is available to the public on the project's environmental and other impacts. MPT Papanikolas asked to amend the letter to delete a phrase that expresses support for College Park's position, because College Park's interests regarding the project are not the same as Berwyn Heights'. College Park may lose property if the widening happens.

CM Dewey gave a background explanation. About 2 months ago, the State's Board of Public Works had proposed to put the Beltway widening on hold and focus only on I-270. Then about 2 weeks ago, the Beltway widening part of the project was put back on the table, with a vote to occur 3 days thereafter. However, Comptroller Franchot asked to postpone the vote until December 18. Impacted constituents feel this is not enough time to give feedback.

In discussion, CM Sweep said the deletion of the reference to College Park places the remainder of the sentence expressing support for smart growth along Baltimore Avenue out of context. Council agreed to remove the reference to Baltimore Avenue and express support for smart growth generally as a way to reduce congestion. CM Sweep further criticized the Hogan administration's focus on the Beltway widening as the principle means to reduce traffic congestion in the D.C. area. He believes public transportation and other mobility options should be part of any plan to reduce congestion. MPT Papanikolas pointed out the Hogan administration has supported some public transportation projects, such as construction of the Purple line and approval of dedicated funding for the Metro system.

CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the letter as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Citizen Discussion

Phil Ventura objected to the Council's decision to forgo reports from the department directors at Town meetings. He believes citizens should be able to hear from directors at Town meetings in return

for footing the bill for their salaries. He also believes directors should have discretion on how to spend their departmental appropriation without having to get prior approval for every expenditure. The Treasurer should be able to review expenditures and flag any problems.

TM Broadbent replied that department directors are welcome to attend any meeting they wish but are not required to do so. Secondly, as the Town's Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent, it is her duty to ensure that all appropriated money is spent responsibly. Hence, she has instituted processes requiring prior approval of all purchases above \$250.00 via purchase orders and requisition forms. It may take a little longer to make a purchase, but it does give the manager an idea of how departmental funds are spent and how much money remains. These and other financial controls she implemented are explained in the Auditor's Report Management Analysis.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked whether purchases he makes for the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) Committee will have to go through this approval process. He was told he would need to request that a check be issued to pay a bill, such as expenses with the upcoming bio-hazard workshop. Mr. Attick continued that he has repeatedly asked the Town to place monthly statements for the NW/EP account in its mailbox, so he knows how much money is left to spend. But this has not been done. TM Broadbent and CM Dewey advised him to just ask how much money is left in the account. Staff or Councilmembers are happy to provide that information promptly. The Police Department, with which the NW/EP is affiliated, can also give him the information.

Mr. Attick further asked if the Town is liable for injury of a family member because the curb at the paved walk leading to his house was rebuilt incorrectly during the recent road project. TM Broadbent replied she believes the Town restored the disturbed slope where new curbing was installed at the corner of his property correctly. Other than that, the Town has no responsibility for grading his yard. The Town does not own the right of way on Mr. Attick's property; the Town only has the right to do certain things in the right of way. She is happy to take another look at the property together with Mr. Attick to better understand his concern.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, called in to ask who owns a tree that grows in the Town right of way. TM Broadbent replied it depends. If the Town planted the

tree it is owned by the Town, but not every tree growing in the Town right of way is Town's responsibility to maintain. Regardless, property owners should consult with the Town if they want to plant or remove a tree in the right of way. Ms. Hayden said she has an old tree in the right of way with dead branches and wonders who would be responsible for maintaining it. TM Broadbent said she can come out to have a look at it and make a determination.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Signed: **Kerstin Harper**, Town Clerk



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Town Council Minutes can be found on the home page by clicking on the 'Minutes & Agendas' button in the Citizen Action Center.

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019>

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Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejo se pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MEETING: February 5 | 7:00 pm

CHAIR: Mike Attick, Tel. 301-335-1633

A novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is causing an outbreak of pneumonia-like illness in the city of Wuhan, China. This outbreak began in early December 2019 and continues to expand in scope and magnitude. More cases are expected to be confirmed in China and beyond. The Centers of Disease Control (CDC) is working with the World Health Organization (WHO) in monitoring and containing the situation.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and sometimes death.

Standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include:

- Regular hand washing;
- Covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing;
- Thoroughly cooking meat and eggs;
- Avoiding close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

Updates on the epidemic are available at the [CDC](http://www.cdc.gov) and [WHO](http://www.who.int) websites.



Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



Upcoming Events

No general PTA meeting on February 4

February 7, Friday
Family Movie Night

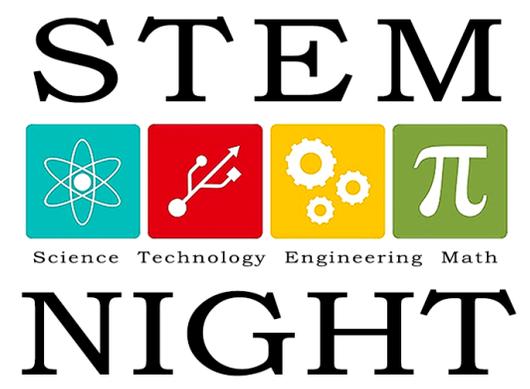
February 17, Monday
President's Day
No school

March 3, Tuesday
PTA meeting
STEAM Night for Grades 3-6

Find us!

Facebook: Berwyn Heights ES
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Mailing list: www.remind.com/join/bhespta/



Family Movie Night

Friday, February 7, 6:30 pm
Berwyn Heights Community Center Gym.

Bring a blanket and get cozy on the floor to watch a fun family movie, broadcast on the big screen. Popcorn provided; other concessions for purchase. School shirts will also be for sale.



School T-Shirts and Hoodies

The shirts are now available by order form or at PTA events. T-shirts can be worn to school on Fridays. The hoodies can be worn any day, over a uniform polo shirt.



- T-shirts (short-sleeve) - \$8 (child & adult sizes)
- T-shirts (long-sleeve) - \$10 (child & adult sizes)
- Hoodies - \$25 (child sizes only)

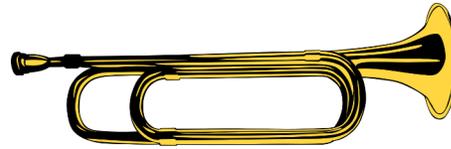
March PTA Meeting: STEAM Night for Grades 3-6

Tuesday, March 3, 6:45 pm, school cafeteria

Students in grades 3-6 and their families are invited to participate in fun, interactive, learning activities focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, or math.



The Bugle



**Congratulations to our soccer teams for a
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**We would like to wish good luck to our Indoor Soccer
and Futsal teams!**

Registration is open for Spring 2020 Soccer and Track!
Save \$10 if you register and pay before February 29th!

Meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of the month, 7pm in the G. Love Rm.
All are invited to attend.

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?

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Historical Committee



Tablet text: BH Boys & Girls Club Team 13 & Under, 1978
Coaches: B. Armistead (Left), M. Hoar, J. Lanning, E. Malley

William T. Armistead (1934-2020) served on the Berwyn Heights Town Council from 1974 to 2000, devoting 26 years of his life to the service of our community. About half that time, from 1982-1992 and again from 1987-2000, he served as Mayor, providing steady and competent leadership to the Town. He also attended to the Town's connections with Prince George's County and the State of Maryland and served terms as President of the Maryland Municipal League and the Prince George's County Municipal League.

During his time on the Council, the Town transitioned from a Commissioner to a Mayor & Council form of government, the Town offices were expanded, the Senior Center underwent major renovations, and Metro's Green Line was built, which with input from Berwyn Heights and College Park led to the establishment of Lake Artemesia Park.

Like other Councilmembers before him, Bill Armistead was active in community organizations first: including as a Cub Scouts leader, a Boys (& Girls) Club coach, and a PTA President, before being elected to the Town Council. As a family man, he led the Council's fight to prevent the closing of Berwyn Heights Elementary School in 1983, albeit without success. But when the opportunity arose and citizens pressed for the school's reopening in the 1990s, he lent his whole-hearted support.

For his dedication and many accomplishments a grateful Town named the municipal building after him.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

For information please contact: Richard Ahrens at dicka247@gmail.com

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Berwyn Heights Community Garden

2020 Application

The Berwyn Heights Community Garden is located in the 8900 block of 58th Avenue.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

The lease period is March 2020 - February 2021. **Plot fee \$30.**
Cash or Checks accepted. Please make checks payable to BH Recreation Council

Existing members and those interested in becoming new members must submit a completed application to the Town Office. Plots will be assigned on a **first come, first served** basis. Only one plot per applicant/household. Garden plots are 4x8 - raised beds. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided

Garden rules and regulations will be posted at the Town Office and on the town website. A community garden orientation/training will be held in March, date to be determined. Participation is strongly encouraged.

I/we agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the use of the Berwyn Heights Community Garden. I/we hereby release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, contractors, and employees from any and all actions, claims and damages for losses, personal injuries, and disabilities that I/we may sustain as a result of my/our participation in the Community Garden program.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Please return this application/fee in person or by mail to:

Office of Town Administrator

5700 Berwyn Road

Berwyn Heights MD, 20740

Applications can be left in the drop box if office is closed.

APPLICATION 2020

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Payment # _____

For questions, please contact Diana Agonoy at 301-672-6670 or dagonoy17@yahoo.com



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center
All residents are welcome to attend!

Project Drawdown Workshop

- Do you wonder what you can do about global warming?
- Are you ready to connect with your community and learn how you can make a real difference?

Project Drawdown is a revolutionary way of engaging with global warming as an opportunity to create positive change.

BH Green Team is very excited to share with you an inspiring, uplifting and empowering approach to the issue of global warming!

Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown is a 2-hour workshop that invites you to see both the possibility of reversing global warming and that you have an important role to play in that process.



Create Positive Change
for YOU and future generations

DATE: Sunday, February 16, 3:00 – 5:00

LOCATION: Berwyn Heights Town Center,
2nd floor, 5700 Berwyn Road

SIGN UP for the FREE workshop:

<http://bit.ly/DrawdownBH1>



Town Clean-up

Monthly town clean-ups will resume
March 21st at 10 am!

In the meantime, please pick up trash around your home and while walking through town. Thanks for keeping Berwyn Heights clean and green!

Garden Season is Coming

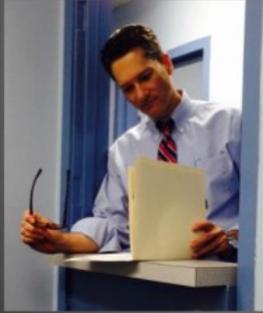
- *Gardening season will be here before we know it! Want to spend time outside, connect with neighbors, and grow delicious produce?*
- *Look out for plot applications for the community garden in the March bulletin!*

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2. Check attic vents for bird/squirrel nests

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1. Change furnace filter

PLUMBING

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3. Cover and store patio furniture

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REMEMBER:

There are many invasive vines, such as English ivy, that kill trees. Use the winter season to remove any vines that may have climbed your trees this year. Simply snip the vine near the ground, wait a while for the vine to die, and tug it off your tree!

For help with vine removal, just contact the Shade Tree Board.



The Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board is appointed by the Mayor and Council and works to protect and maintain our urban forest.

Next meeting: February 11th, 2020 at 7 pm.
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DECEMBER INCIDENTS

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 12:50 pm, 'BURGLARY / RESIDENTIAL'

Pfc. Rufino and Cpl. Krouse were dispatched on a call for breaking and entering located in the 8500 block of 63rd Ave. Upon arrival, the victim and his son-in-law both stated they had left the house at approximately 11:12 PM and returned at 12:50 PM to find the front door wide open. The victims stated that they both walked through the house and then called the police. Officers cleared the home to make sure that it was safe. The front door was broken, and the knob and lock were on the ground, along with wood scattered in the entranceway. Inside the home drawers from dressers were opened, Christmas presents unwrapped, the light in one of the bedrooms was turned on, one of the beds was moved from its original position, folders were opened, and the house was rifled through. Victim stated that he could not say if any items were taken at that moment but that he would notify BHPD once he and his wife had completed an inventory. BHPD officers canvassed the area and surrounding homes with no positive outcome.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 3:52 pm, BURGLARY / RESIDENTIAL'

Cpl. Hollowell was dispatched to the 8500 block of 58th Avenue for a breaking and entering. Cpl. Hollowell met with the victims. They stated that, upon returning home, they noticed that a rear window was open, and rooms rummaged through. Cpl. Hollowell and Cpl. Krouse conducted a preliminary check of the house, discovering an unlocked rear basement door. A preliminary investigation indicates the suspect possibly entered the house through an unlocked window on the deck. The suspect searched the bedroom, an adjacent den area and a downstairs. The suspect exited through a rear basement door. No items could be determined to be missing from any of the rooms pending inventory by the victim(s). Electronic items appeared to be intact, except for a mounted Nest video camera that was taken off the upper cabinet. Det. Krouse conducted a preliminary search for physical evidence that would assist in identifying suspect(s). A subsequent neighborhood canvass failed to locate any potential witnesses or surveillance area footage. The investigation continues by Berwyn Heights CID.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 7:39 pm, 'COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY'

Officers responded to the Shell located at 6001 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights,

Maryland, for a commercial armed robbery. The suspect entered the store, walked around the counter, and approached the victim. The suspect brandished a silver semi-automatic handgun, pointed it at the victim and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect struck the victim on the head with the handgun and demanded that the victim open the cash register. The victim fearing for his safety opened the cash register. The suspect took \$296 dollars from the cash register and the victim's AT&T iPhone and fled the scene on foot. The victim suffered a laceration to the head but refused medical attention. **Suspect: B/M, medium complexion, 25, 5'6", 160 lbs., red hoodie, blue jeans, tan boots, armed with a silver semi-automatic handgun.**

Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 4:45 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. Hollowell was notified of a theft at My Eye Doctor located at 5701 Greenbelt Road. Cpl. Hollowell met with the victim/assistant manager Houston. Houston provided a description of the suspect who stole property from a security case she had unlocked. Houston stated she asked the suspect if he needed a prescription. He replied he was only browsing. The suspect asked to view expensive Versace and Cazal frames. After opening the security case, the suspect grabbed the items, bullying Houston out the way. The suspect fled with the stolen items up Greenbelt Road.

Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 2:05 pm, 'STOLEN VEHICLE'

Cpl. Ignowski was dispatched on a call for service for a stolen vehicle. Officer responded to the Shell gas station at 5550 Greenbelt Road. and spoke with the victim. Victim reported that at 2 P.M. she was fueling her purple 2018 Toyota Highlander SUV at gas pump number 1 with the motor running. A gray colored Honda Accord with dark tinted windows pulled up next to her SUV. A black male 50 to 60 Y/O dressed in a hooded sweatshirt exited the gray car and quickly entered the passenger side of the SUV. The victim began hitting the right door window ordering the male to get out of her SUV. The victim's purse and belongings were inside the SUV. The suspect drove the SUV onto westbound Greenbelt Road with the gray car following. No suspect vehicle tag number is available as of this writing. Cpl. J. Ignowski transported the victim to her home in Greenbelt.

Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12:27 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski was dispatched on a call for service for a theft at X-Tra Fuel gas station/ convenience store at 5919

Greenbelt Road. Upon arrival, he found the store in disarray with merchandise on the floor, and a wooden mount for a lottery device destroyed. The witnesses saw two black male juveniles run from the store carrying the MD Lottery ticket box that had been ripped from the cashier's sales counter. The suspects ran east across the parking lot, then south on 60th Avenue to 8916 60th Avenue where they got into a waiting white 2006 or newer Chevrolet Impala. A witness photographed the vehicle. The store clerk reported the MD Lottery Ticket display box and its contents of approximately \$4,000 in unsold scratch off lottery tickets stolen.

Monday, December 17, 2019 at 3:00 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. Hollowell took a report from a resident whose vehicle's catalytic converter had been stolen. The 2008 Toyota Prius, 4dr, Maryland tag # 3CX-9490, was parked over night in front of her residence in the 6000 block of Berwyn Road. Victim parked the vehicle on 12/16/19 at approximately 15:00 hrs. When she came out of her residence to leave, she noted the vehicle was sounding strange and was not handling correctly. She had the vehicle towed to Yung's Auto body, 9600 Baltimore Ave, College Park for inspection. The repair shop told her that the catalytic converter and muffler were missing. This matter was forwarded to Berwyn Heights CID for investigation. No leads exist identifying a possible suspect.

Monday, December 23, 2019 at 10:00 pm, 'MISSING PERSON'

Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 60th Avenue for a report of a missing 16 Y/O W/H/M. The resident reported that her 16 y/o son assaulted her on several occasions and had reported it on 11/18/2019. Juvenile charges were brought, and mother and son are waiting for a court date in January 2020. At the time of the assault, the mother wanted her son to leave the house and stay with a friend. The juvenile has been staying with an acquaintance since then. The mother further reports that her son has had a sexual relationship with the acquaintance, which she reported to Montgomery County police. The mother learned that her son's acquaintance was arrested and is being held w/o bond. The mother believes that the acquaintance may have assisted her son in renting a room at another address in Montgomery County. The missing juvenile is reportedly not under a doctor's care and does not have any physical or mental disabilities. The mother stated that she does not want her son to return to her home as he has threatened and assaulted her and her other son.

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Friday, December 27, 2019 at 9:55 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a report of theft from a vehicle. Victim reported that an unknown person entered the unlocked door(s) of his work-truck under cover of darkness in the early morning hours. The truck was parked unattended on the south side of Quebec Street. Stolen from the interior driver's compartment were a wallet with driver's license and credit card, and an Apple I-phone 11. The victim reports the cell phone has been turned off.

Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 9:30 pm, 'STOLEN VEHICLE'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. The victim reports that his vehicle was stolen from the street where it was parked in front of his house. Victim reports that the only key to the vehicle is in his possession. Victim further reports that the vehicle is still in his mother's name but that his mother is moving out of the country and gave him the car. Victim further reports that he had Wi-fi installed in the vehicle so his kids could access the internet while he was driving. He was able to track the vehicle until approximately 2:45 a.m., at

which time the signal went dead. The vehicle was being driven in the Lakeland area and the Cherry Hill Road area of College Park before the GPS disconnected.

Supplemental information:

On 1/1/2020 at 11:55 p.m. the victim reported additional information in this case to Cpl. Ignowski. A 13-year-old juvenile was developed as a suspect. Cpl. Ignowski's attempt to confirm the vehicle as reported stolen in the NCIC system was not successful. Cpl. Ignowski located the missing Volkswagen parked unattended on 1/2/2020 at 01:20 hours on southbound I-495 north of MD Rt. 450 on the right shoulder of the highway. Victim was notified and came to retrieve the vehicle. The vehicle would not start, had a flat left front tire and significant damage to the exterior. On 1/2/2020 at 10:00 hours MD State Police confirmed the vehicle reported stolen in the NCIC system and impounded it. The investigation led to the arrest of a juvenile suspect who had stolen another vehicle. Cpl. Ignowski interviewed the juvenile in custody at PGPD District 1, who admitted to stealing the key and then the Volkswagen. Cpl. Ignowski arrested the juvenile on 1/2/2020 at 23:55 hours.



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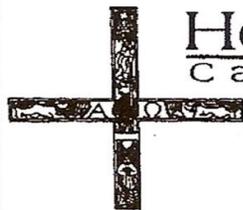
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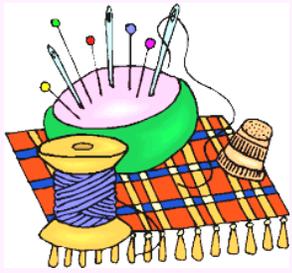


Weekend Masses:
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Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

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For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net



Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Next to Town Office on 57th Ave — Open Monday thru Friday, 10 AM to 2 PM — Phone 301-474-0018

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

February 3	Phil Waltz
February 4	Dave Wolfinger
February 8	Frank Baxter
February 15	Ron Luftman
February 23	Karen Reznek
February 23	Barron Wilson

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M..

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs over the Senior Center

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS — 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M.
The 4th Tuesday is a Pot Luck.

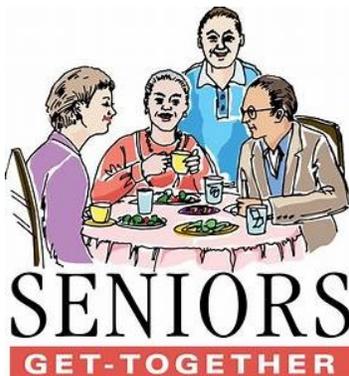
MISCELLANEOUS

WEATHER CLOSINGS

If Prince George's County Schools are closed, the Senior Center is also closed.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Berwyn Heights Police Department maintains a list of seniors who live alone. To add your name to the list, call the Department at 301-474-6554.



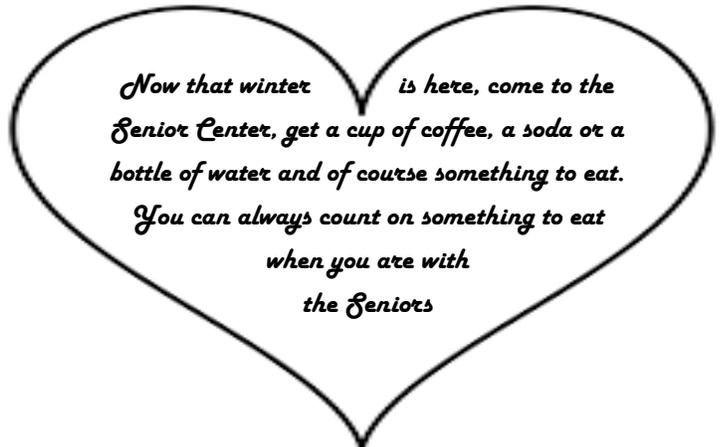
HAPPENINGS

FEB 2—SUPER BOWL PARTY

Meeting time to be determined

FEB 15—Trip to see "The Hubcaps" at the College Park Moose.

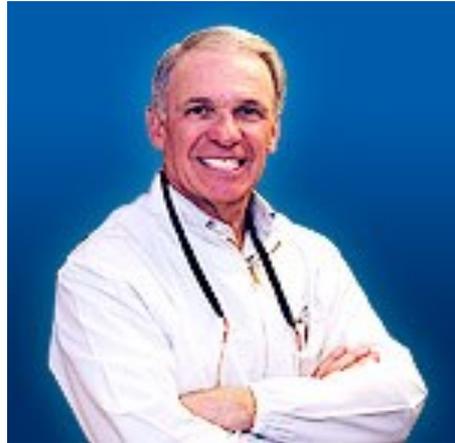
FEB 21—BH Recreation Council Team Trivia Night, 7:00—9:00 PM. Upstairs over the Senior Center.



Now that winter is here, come to the Senior Center, get a cup of coffee, a soda or a bottle of water and of course something to eat.

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In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents

Dec 18th– Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to NB Balt/Wash Parkway at Greenbelt Rd for an accident with reports of a vehicle overturned with the driver trapped. BHVFD arrived to confirm one trapped and worked to stabilize the overturned vehicle and extricate the driver.

Dec 22nd– Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to a car wash in the 5900Blk of Greenbelt Rd in Berwyn Heights for a report of a “locked vehicle”. The crew arrived to discover an SUV in the carwash had jumped the car wash track and was now stuck. The squad crew utilized cribbing and high-pressure airbags to lift the vehicle back onto the track so it could be removed.

Dec 24th– Truck 14, Utility 14, Chief 14B, Ambulance 14, and Berwyn Heights Police escorted Santa Clause around Berwyn Heights, Westchester Park, and College Park Estates. This was the first year we introduced a Santa Tracking App!

Dec 25th– Truck 14 was alerted to the 4900Blk of Muskogee St in College Park for a House Fire. Truck 14 arrived to find a working chimney fire.

Dec 27th– Truck 14 was alerted to the 6500Blk of Westview Ln in Lanham for a House Fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from the kitchen window.

Dec 29th– **PLANE CRASH**- Rescue Squad 14 & Chief 14 were alerted to the area of Auburn Ave and Good Luck Road in New Carrollton for a reported brush fire. While enroute, the call was upgraded with reports of a plane crash into a house. Rescue Squad 14 arrived with West Lanham Hills VFD to find a small plane crashed into a house and car on fire. Crews worked quickly to contain the blaze, and Haz-Mat was requested for leaking plane fuel. It was discovered that a Gruman American AA-5A has taken off from the College Park Airport minutes before crashing into the home, killing the pilot. The crash is under investigation by the NTSB, FAA, and MSP.

Dec 31st– Truck 14 responded to the 6700Blk of Cipriano Rd in Lanham for a working House Fire, house fully engulfed.

Jan 3rd– **2 ALARM**- Truck 14 was alerted to the 94100Blk of Scott Adam Ct in Laurel to assist units on scene with a working Apartment Fire and multiple rescues in progress. A 2nd Alarm and an EMS Task Force was requested, bringing resources from four different Counties. Truck 14 arrived on the scene and was tasked with searching the apartment building for any additional victims.

HEATING SAFETY TIPS:

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

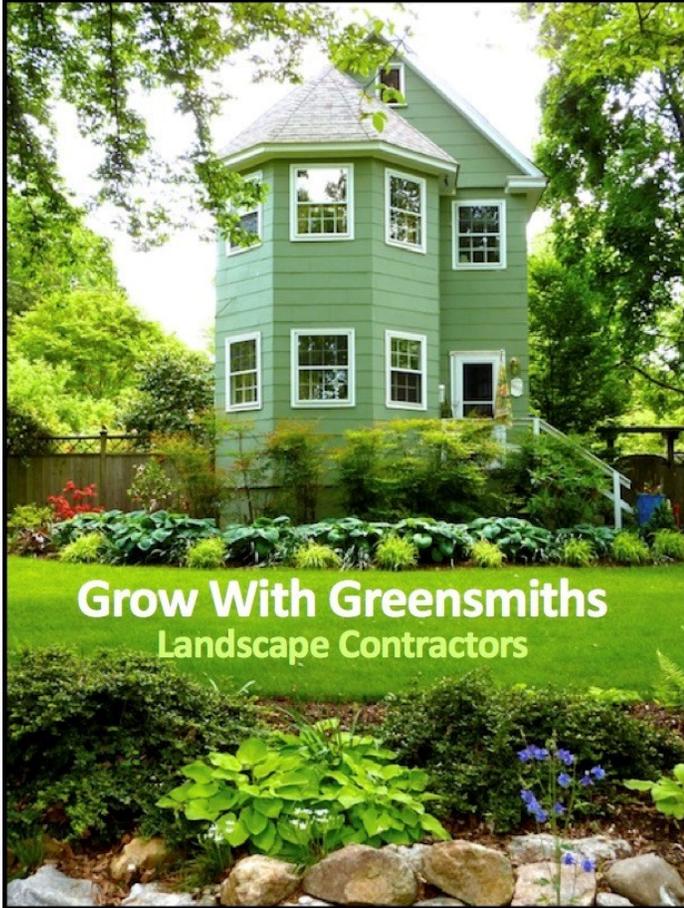


- Keep anything that can burn at least 3' away from heating equipment, like furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or space heater.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

2019 Run Statistics Summary

2019 proved to be another busy year for the BHVFD! In total, the station responded to **5,693 calls for service**. The Ladder Truck handled 1,153 calls, and the Rescue Squad handled 1,1756 calls, making them each the busiest in the County! The Ambulance handled 2,742 calls, the Paramedic Ambulance (part-time) handled 42 calls, and the Chiefs responded to 283 calls.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the station was staffed 24/7, 365 days in 2019 with at least six certified firefighters/EMTs to handle these calls!



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Licensed Family Daycare: Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

Piano Lessons in your home. Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-2825. quote today. Call 202-820-0771.

Lawn Mowing and Trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different

ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

Help is Here. Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

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Infant or Senior Care: Nurse/midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact jeynekanyudo@gmail.com

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New Home Brewing Club – Calling all homebrewers and mead makers in Berwyn Heights to help inaugurate a home brewing club. Let's get together to brew, taste, and exchange ideas. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert. Just send me an email and let's get brewing. Contact: jason.michel@comcast.net



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- Feb 2 Upstream Color (2013)
- Feb 9 The Stepford Wives (1975)
- Feb. 16 No Meeting
- Feb. 23 The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)

Every Sunday at 3:00 pm | Town Center - G. Love Room (Downstairs)

For any questions please contact: bhmovieclub@gmail.com



PUBLIC WORKS

Publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov TEL: 301-474-6897

HOW WE PLOW TOWN STREETS

When snow or ice shows signs of sticking to the ground, Public Works begins applying salt/ ice-melt to roads and walkways. Plowing of roads begins once snow accumulation reaches 2". Residents can assist Public Works by moving their vehicles off the road during snow plowing operations where possible.

The Town has 8 Public Works employees and 5 trucks with plowing capabilities. Larger trucks address major roadways and smaller trucks focus on side roads. Public Works also clears Town-maintained walkways.

Public Works works hand in hand with the Police to keep the Town safe during weather emergencies. If a snow or ice event occurs after hours, BHPD will notify the Public Works Director. Personnel are dispatched and are on scene within 1 hour. Snow and ice removal continue until the event ends, and finishes with application of additional layers of salt to maintain safe passage.

Amount of Snow	Time to Make Roads Passable	Time to Fully Clear Roads
< 4 inches	4-6 hours	1 day
4-6 inches	6-8 hours	2-3 days
> 6 inches	8+ hours	3-5 days

CÓMO ARRANCAMOS LAS CALLES

Cuando la nieve o el hielo muestran signos de pegarse al suelo, Obras Públicas comienza a aplicar sal / hielo derretido a las carreteras y pasarelas. El arado de las carreteras comienza una vez que la acumulación de nieve alcanza 2 ". Los residentes pueden ayudar a Obras Públicas al mover sus vehículos fuera de la carretera durante las operaciones de arado de nieve donde sea posible.

La ciudad cuenta con 8 empleados de obras públicas y 5 camiones con capacidad de arado. Los camiones más grandes se dirigen a las carreteras principales y los camiones más pequeños se centran en las carreteras laterales. Obras Públicas también despeja las pasarelas mantenidas por la ciudad.

Obras públicas trabaja de la mano con la policía para mantener la ciudad segura durante emergencias climáticas. Si ocurre un evento de nieve o hielo después de horas, BHPD notificará al Director de Obras Públicas. El personal es enviado y está en escena dentro de 1 hora. La remoción de nieve y hielo continúa hasta que finaliza el evento, y termina con la aplicación de capas adicionales de sal para mantener un paso seguro.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA
 President: Marilyn King
President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Velma Hamilton
 Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club
 President: Brandon Batton
bbatt80@hotmail.com

Vice President: vacant
 Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
 240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga
 Secretary: Jianmei Zhu
 Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov
 Soccer Commissioner: Vacant
 Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

Education Advisory Committee
 Contact: Joanna Whitaker
thebheac@gmail.com.

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board
 Chair: Amanda Dewey
amandamdewey@gmail.com
 Public Outreach: Therese Forbes
therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee
 Chair: Richard Ahrens
dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League
 Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club
 Jonathan Loutsch
bhmovieclub@gmail.com

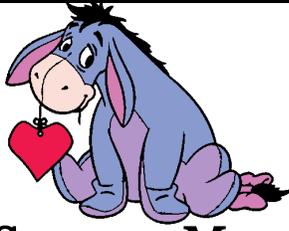
Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT
 Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

Karate Club
 Leon Swain 301-728-2881
 Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club
 Coordinator: Janet Freitag
quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council
 President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net
 Secretary: Theresa Beck
beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club
 Ray Smith 301-474-3482



February 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3  7:00 PM Worksession	4  7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting	5  7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting	6 	7	8 2:00 PM Valentines' Card & Cookie Decorating
9	10 	11  7:00 PM Green Team Meeting	12  7:00 PM Town Meeting	13 	14	15
16 3:00 PM Project Drawdown Workshop	17 Presidents Day Town Offices Closed 	18 	19 		21  6:30 PM Team Trivia Nite	22
23	24  7:00 PM Worksession 7:00 PM BHEAC Meeting	25  7:30 PM BHHC Meeting	26 	27 	28	29



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

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Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection	
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Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Fire Department (301) 474-7866
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Mayor and Council

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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:
 Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
 Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
 3rd most recent mtg:
 Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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